

**Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project  
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Clinical Assessment of Children Admitted to Treatment

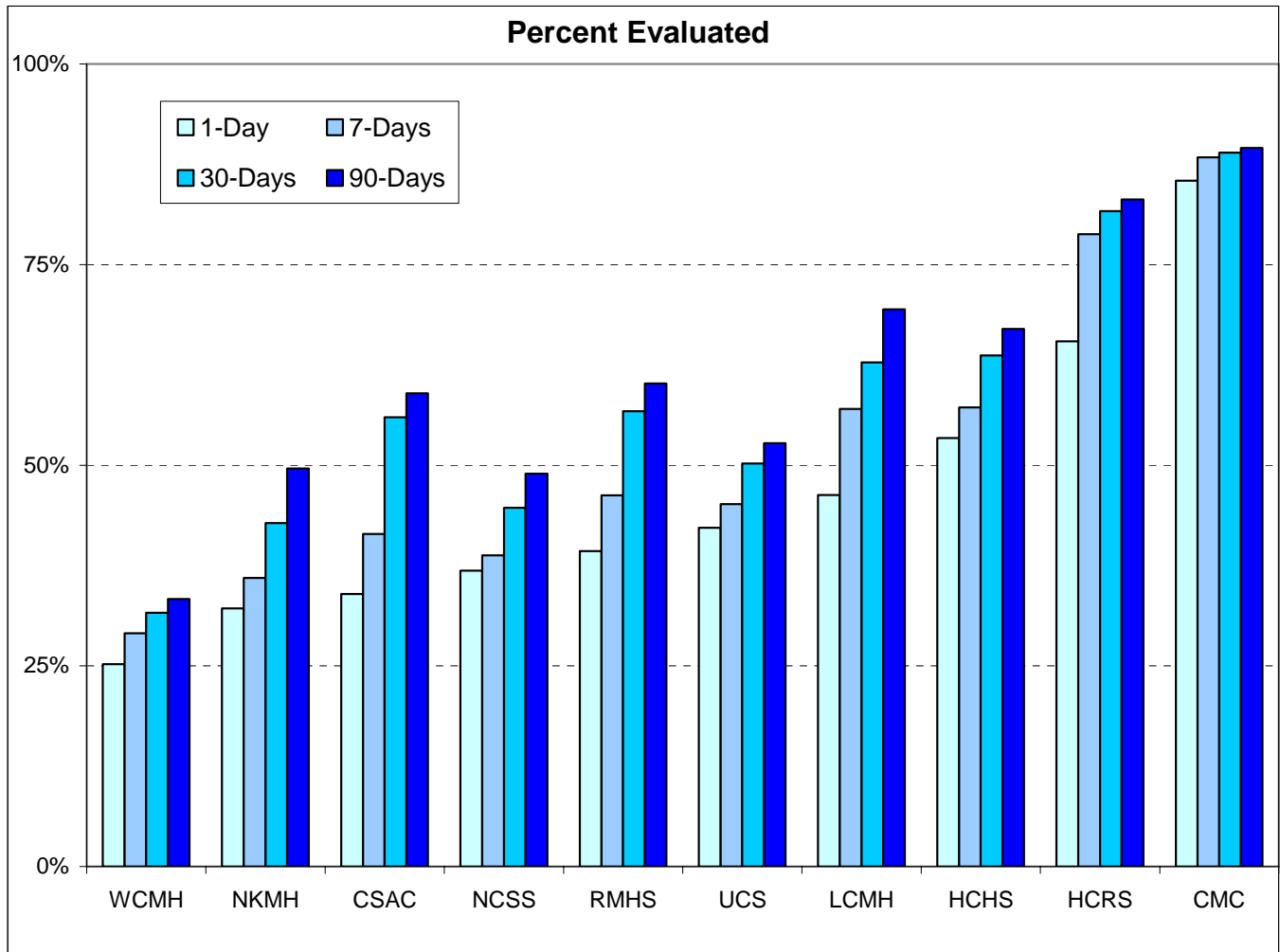
This week's report examines the proportion of young people admitted to CMHC Children's services programs in Vermont who received clinical assessments during specified time periods after their admission. This report was prepared in response to a request for information from Alice Maynard of the DMH Child Adolescent and Family Unit.

This analysis relied exclusively on Monthly Service Report (MSR) data provided to DMH by Designated Agencies. In order to determine the proportion of young people with a Clinical Assessment (DMH Service code E01) within specified time periods, the date of each reported assessment was compared to the reported date of admission for each young person admitted during July of 2003 through March of 2004. As defined by DMH, Clinical Assessment includes services that "evaluate individuals' and families' strengths, needs, existence and severity of disability(s), and functioning, across environments" that are "provided by clinical or medical staff, including a qualified clinician, therapist, psychiatrist or nurse."

As you will see, almost half (47%) of all young people admitted had a clinical assessment on the day their case was opened. By the end of 90 days, almost two thirds (62%) of young people admitted had received a clinical assessment. The proportion of young people with a Clinical Assessment on the day they were admitted ranged from 25% in Washington County to 85% in Orange County. The proportion of young people with a Clinical Assessment within the 90 days after their admission ranged from 33% in Washington County to 90% in Orange County.

We look forward to your thoughts regarding the degree to which the difference among local programs that are reported here are due to differences in clinical practice and the degree to which they are due to differences in record keeping or reporting practices. We also look forward to your interpretation of these findings and your suggestions for further analysis of these data. Send your suggestions and questions to [pip@vdh.state.vt.us](mailto:pip@vdh.state.vt.us).

## Children With a Clinical Assessment Within Specified Periods of Time After Admission



### Clinical Assessment Within Specified Periods After Admission

	Total	1 day		7 days		30 days		90 days	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Region - Clinic</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>62%</b>
Washington - WCMH	234	59	25%	68	29%	74	32%	78	33%
Northeast - NKMh	367	118	32%	132	36%	157	43%	182	50%
Addison - CSAC	268	91	34%	111	41%	150	56%	158	59%
Northwest - NCSS	472	174	37%	183	39%	211	45%	231	49%
Rutland - RMHS	402	158	39%	186	46%	228	57%	242	60%
Bennington - UCS	237	100	42%	107	45%	119	50%	125	53%
Lamoille - LCMH	121	56	46%	69	57%	76	63%	84	69%
Chittenden - HCHS	603	322	53%	345	57%	384	64%	404	67%
Southeast - HCRS	622	407	65%	490	79%	508	82%	517	83%
Orange - CMC	172	147	85%	152	88%	153	89%	154	90%

Analysis is based on monthly service reports submitted by Vermont's community service providers and includes children under age eighteen who were admitted into the Children's Services program between July 1, 2003 and March 31, 2004.